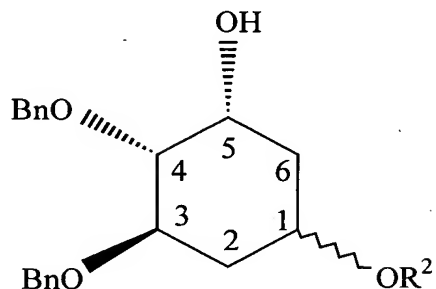


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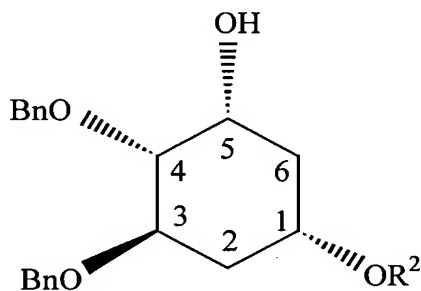
I claim:

1. A compound having the formula



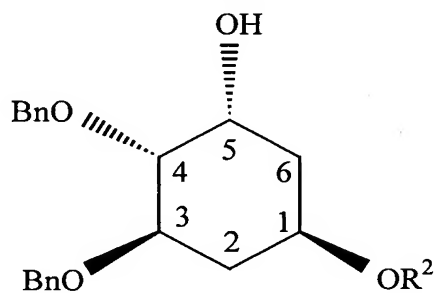
where Bn is a benzyl group, and  $R^2$  is a hydroxy protecting group.

2. The compound of claim 1 wherein  $R^2$  is tert-butyldimethylsilyl.
3. A compound having the formula



where Bn is a benzyl group, and  $R^2$  is a hydroxy protecting group.

4. The compound of claim 3 wherein  $R^2$  is tert-butyldimethylsilyl.
5. A compound having the formula



where Bn is a benzyl group, and  $R^2$  is a hydroxy protecting group.

6. The compound of claim 5 wherein  $R^2$  is tert-butyldimethylsilyl.